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Robed Choir to Sing in Five States

Church congregations in five Southern states will hear the Presbyterian College robed choir during its 1957-58 concert season.

Twenty-three singing engagements in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, are scheduled for the five-month season which begins in December and extends through April.

Dr. Edouard Patte, conductor of the choir, has arranged another outstanding program of sacred classical selections developed around the theme "Rejoice All Ye Christians".

Here is the PC choir's 1957-58 schedule of engagements in Presbyterian churches:

December 8—Cartersville (Ga.) First Church (morning), Atlanta's North Avenue Church (evening); Dec. 9—Newnan (Ga.) First Church (evening).

January 12—Orangeburg (S.C.) First Church (morning), Honea Path (S.C.) First Church (evening).

February 2—Abbeville (S.C.) Upper Long Cane Church (morning), Greenville (S.C.) First Church (evening); February 23—Manning (S.C.) First Church (morning), Columbia (S.C.) First Church (evening).

March 9—Anderson (S.C.) Central Church (morning), Seneca (S.C.) First Church (evening); March 27—Dublin (Ga.) Henry Memorial Church (evening); March 28—Dothan (Ala.) First Church (evening); March 30—Hattiesburg (Miss.) First Church (morning), New Orleans (La.) St. Charles Avenue Church (evening); March 31—Alexandria (La.) First Church (evening).

April 1—Shreveport (La.) First

Church (evening); April 2—Meridian (Miss.) First Church (evening); April 3—Birmingham (Ala.) Woodlawn Church (evening); April 13—Gaffney (S.C.) First Church (morning), Clover (S.C.) Church (evening); April 27—Indiantown (S.C.) Church (morning), Columbia (S.C.) Eau Claire Church (evening).

Parents Day Set; Game Time Changed

Parents Day will be held at Presbyterian College on November 16, and the time of the PC-East Carolina football game has been changed from 8 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. as part of the program.

Parents and members of the immediate family of students now attending Presbyterian are invited to be guests of the College for this occasion.

Thanksgiving Holidays

PC students will respond to the call of the turkey gobbler on Wednesday, November 27.

Thanksgiving holidays are scheduled to start at 6 p.m. on that date. They'll extend through Sunday, December 1.

Oeland Named Development Director

James M. Oeland, former treasurer and executive officer of the Darlington (S.C.) Manufacturing Company, and an outstanding Presbyterian layman, is the new vice-president in charge of development at Presbyterian College.

He assumed his duties on November 1 as the successor to Otto W. Ferrene, who recently accepted a position with Marts and Lundy professional fund-raising organization.

President Marshall W. Brown pointed out that Oeland is an outstanding Presbyterian lay leader who has been active in the work of the South Carolina Synod for a number of years. He also is recognized for his business ability, having directed the operations of the Darlington affiliate of the Deering-Milliken Company until that particular plant was closed recently. Most of Oeland's long business career has been spent in the textile industry, where he served as treasurer of Clifton Manufacturing Company, Comptroller of Reigel Textiles, and Comptroller of Monarch Mills and of Jonesville Products Company before going to Darlington.

The new PC development director was voted "layman of the year" in 1952 by the Presbyterian Men of South Carolina. He has served as president of this Synod group and of the Men of Enoee Presbytery, as a ruling elder in three congregations and as a deacon in three churches.

A native of Spartanburg, Oeland received his degree from Wofford College in 1919 after brief service in the U. S. Army in World War I. He and Mrs. Oeland are the parents of three daughters.

Oeland takes over development responsibilities at Presbyterian College a few months after the institution has completed its greatest fund-raising program in history. The more than \$1,033,000 subscribed is being used to build a new student center and a chapel-auditorium and to increase endowment.

PC Professor Edits Whitman Volume

A volume of Walt Whitman's Civil War works, edited by Presbyterian College English Professor Oakleigh Ross Bush, is just off the press with a new approach to the great American democrat.

The book, entitled *Over the Carnage Rose Prophetic a Voice*, limits itself to Whitman's war prose and verse. This material is collected and organized into a unified text reflecting not only the chronology of the war, but also the growth of Whitman's personal philosophy from the mere chauvinistic desire for a Northern victory to a rational understanding of the total meaning of war in suffering and death for both the North and the South. He was one of the few authors of the time to grasp its tragic significance.

In his introduction, Editor Bush points out that "here the reader can more easily, by following one topic, investigate the relationships between Whitman's prose and verse styles. Or the

reader may discover for the first time the clear, simple beauty of Whitman's prose."

A Fulbright Scholar, Bush joined the Presbyterian College faculty this fall after teaching the past two years in The Netherlands and as a member of the University of Maryland's Overseas Program. He received both the AB and Litt. M. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, now has doctoral studies in progress and has taught on the English staffs of Carnegie Institute of Technology, Indiana University, Edinboro State Teachers College and Howard College.

By Jacobs Family

Library Collection Given To PC

The library of the late Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, prominent educator, author and minister, has been presented to Presbyterian College as a gift from his five children.

President Marshall W. Brown announced the gift includes an estimated 4,000 volumes, hundreds of pamphlets and personal papers of the Clinton native and PC alumnus who was founder and president of Oglethorpe University.

President Brown pointed out that among these volumes are approximately 1,000 stock copies of several books published by Dr. Jacobs. The family has given to PC the copyrights on these books so the college may receive royalties accruing from them. He said the gross proceeds of all sales will be assigned to a special scholarship fund.

When Dr. Jacobs died at 79 on August 4, 1956, he still was receiving royalty payments on such popular novels as **Red Lanterns on St. Michael's**, **When for the Truth** and **Drums of Doomsday**. Copies of these books now are available for purchase through Presbyterian College, along with **The Diary of William Plumer Jacobs** (the diary of his father which he had published) and **Memorabilia** (sketches of Clinton by William P. Jacobs).

The five children making the gift to Presbyterian College include: Thornwell Jacobs, Jr., and Dr. John Jacobs, both of Atlanta; H. Fred Lesh, Jr., of Whittier, Calif.; and Mrs. Olsen (Harriet) Field and Mrs. Herman (Maude) Koester, Jr., both of Weston, Mass.

Dr. Thornwell Jacobs was the last surviving child of the Rev. William Plumer Jacobs, who founded both Presbyterian College and Thornwell Orphanage while serving as pastor of the Clinton First Presbyterian Church. He finished PC in 1894 and went on to become a minister, establish Westminster Magazine, found Oglethorpe University in Atlanta and direct it for

more than 30 years, originate the famed Crypt of Civilization, and write numerous volumes of prose and poetry.

Another Grant Made By Esso Foundation

Presbyterian College has received another \$2,000 grant from the Esso Education Foundation.

This gift is part of a total grant given to 345 colleges and universities to assist them during the 1957-58 academic year. It is unrestricted as to the manner in which it may be used.

President Brown was notified of the grant to PC by a telegram from Eugene Holman, chairman of the foundation. He stated the purpose of the program is to "give financial aid to the nation's privately supported colleges and universities so they may continue to meet the ever higher intellectual standards of modern society".

The present gift represents the third time that Presbyterian College has received a grant from the Esso Foundation which was established in 1955 by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and a group of affiliate organizations.

Before Synods' Council

PC Survey Report Expected Soon

Another meeting of the educators charting the future needs of Presbyterian College is expected to be held within the next few weeks, with representatives of the Synods of Georgia and South Carolina attending.

Robert M. Vance of Clinton, chairman of the PC board of trustees who was designated chairman of the two-synod advisory council in connection with the survey, has announced these members of the council's executive committee: Hugh Jacobs of Clinton, secretary; R. E. Ferguson, Jr., also of Clinton, treasurer; Georgia representatives—Henry B. Matthews of Macon, Dr. P. D. Miller of Atlanta and Dr. Robert Strong of Augusta; South Carolina representatives—Mrs. R. Grier Robinson of Charleston, Walter Edwards of Columbia and J. Edward Means, Jr., of Greenville.

The study toward charting the future development of Presbyterian College and its maximum role in Christian higher education began last spring under the supervision of six distinguished educators. They visited the campus, analyzed various phases of the program at PC and are now preparing a report. This report will be submitted to the advisory council in the near future. The study is being conducted at the invitation of the college administration and the board of trustees.

Dr. R. H. Fitzgerald, chancellor emeritus of the University of Pittsburgh, serves as director of the survey group. He has as consultants: Dr. James M. Godard of the University of Miami (Fla.); President J. Ollie Edmunds of Stetson; Dr. G. H. Cartledge of Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Dean Maxwell A. Smith of the University of Chattanooga; and Chancellor Guy E. Snavely of Birmingham-Southern.

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